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SUBJECT: PLO REQUEST TO SPEAK IN GENERAL DEBATE

REF: USUN 3760

1. AMBASSADOR BENNETT PURSUED IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH WALDHEIM, BUFFUM, AND GA PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE PLO REQUEST TO BE INSCRIBED ON GENERAL DEBATE SPEAKERS' LIST. AMERASINGHE REMARKED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH PERMREPS OF EGYPT, SYRIA AND TUNISIA AND CONVEYED TO THEM HIS OPPOSITION TO PLO "FOREIGN MINISTER" KADDOUMI'S SPEAKING IN GENERAL DEBATE. AMERASINGHE SAID HE ASKED THESE PERMREPS NOT TO PERSIST IN THIS MATTER SINCE HE WOULD HAVE TO RULE AGAINST IT.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION SYG WALDHEIM TOLD BENNETT THAT AMERASINGHE'S MESSAGE TO ARAB PERMREPS AND LEGAL ADVISER'S FIRMNESS ON ISSUE HAD BEEN WORKED OUT CAREFULLY BY HIM (WALDHEIM) IN ADVANCE. BENNETT ACKNOWLEDGED SYG'S GOOD WORK SO FAR IN HEADING OFF OF SITUATION WHERE A NON-MEMBER, IN AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE, WAS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE PLENARY IN GENERAL DEBATE. SYG ADDED THAT THE PLO AS A FINAL RESORT COULD SEEK, AND PROBABLY OBTAIN, A GA
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RESOLUTION INVITING KADDOUMI TO SPEAK IN THE

GENERAL DEBATE. THIS COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE
SIMILAR TO 1974 RESOLUTION INVITING ARAFAT TO ADDRESS
GA DURING DEBATE ON PALESTINE QUESTION. (COMMENT:
WALDHEIM, BUFFUM, OTHERS HELD GENERAL VIEW THAT
ARABS AND OTHER NONALIGNED NATIONS MAY NOT PUSH
PLO REQUEST TO HARD IN ORDER TO AVOID EM-
BARRASSMENT OF UNFAVORABLE RULING BY AMERASINGHE
WHO AFTER ALL IS PROMINENT NONALIGNED LEADER. END COMMENT.

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